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We claim:

- 1 1. A DNA vector construct comprising
 - an internal ribosomal entry site (IRES),
- a selection marker, and,
- a green fluorescent protein marker.
- 2. A cell stably transfected with the DNA vector construct of claim 1.
- 1 3. The cell of claim 2 wherein said cell is a stem cell.
 - 4. A reagent for assessing biological processes in real time, comprising a sufficient quantity of cells stably transfected with the DNA construct of claim 1 in a suitable carrier medium.